

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Philip Course, *et al.*  
Application Serial No.: 10/519,907  
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Title: A METHOD FOR TRANSACTING A TRADE  
ELECTRONICALLY, AND A SYSTEM THEREFOR  
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***RESPONSE***

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated 22 May 2009 for the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following identified inventions: Group I (Claims 1-14); Group II (Claims 21-25); Group III (Claims 15-20); and Group IV (Claim 26). The Office Action set a three-month period for response.

In response, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-14, drawn to methods and a system for electronically transacting a trade between a commercial provider and a customer of a merchant, and for electrically paying all of the participants involved with enabling the transaction from the payment made by the customer in consideration of the trade. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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